



United States Department of Agriculture

**RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS  
Agricultural Research Service  
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION (LA) POSITION**

**Announcement Type: Excepted Service  
Temporary Appointment not to exceed 130 days within 1 year**

Position Title: Biological Science Technician  
Series/Grade: 0404/05/06  
Salary: \$15.00-\$16.73 per hour – based on experience  
Work Schedule: Full time until September 30, 2011  
Location: Waterloo, Indiana  
Area of Consideration: Local Commuting Area  
Vacancy Announcement Number: 113602004  
Opening Date: April 20, 2011  
Closing Date: until filled

**Duties**

- Maintain automated field water quality sites
- Oversee field laboratory sample processing
- Data collection and input
- Data maintenance
- Site and laboratory maintenance including trimming, cleaning

**Qualification Requirements:** Bachelors degree preferred. Education, experience or a combination of both may qualify you for this position. Ability to learn and operate new software and scientific equipment. If you would like your education considered, you must provide a copy of your college transcripts. Transcripts should list courses with credit hours, major(s), and grade-point average or class ranking. Drivers license. Application materials will not be returned.

**Physical Requirements**

Candidates must be able to meet the physical demands of the position which involve: Working outdoors under all weather conditions including rain and heat, able to traverse steep ditch banks, lift 50lbs, some sedentary work.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Candidates must submit one of the following: a completed resume, OF 612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), or curriculum vitae, to the address indicated below. Government Application Form SF- 171 is no longer required; however, they will still be accepted. The following information is required on the application to evaluate applicant qualifications and to determine if applicants meet legal requirements for Federal employment:

- Announcement number and title
- Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone number
- Identify country of citizenship (must be a citizen of the United States or a country allied with the U.S. in a defense treaty agreement or exempted by Congress) and must have a green card showing lawful admittance and permission to be employed.
- Veterans' Preference (if applicable – DD 214 is required)
- Proof of school enrollment (Enrollment Certification)
- Paid and nonpaid work experience related to the position
- Job related training courses, skills, certificates/licenses (current), honors, awards and special accomplishments
- Applications mailed using government postage and/or internal federal government mail systems are in violation of agency and postal regulations and will not be accepted.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:** Applications must be postmarked by the closing date of the announcement and sent to:

**Name: Stan Livingston**  
 Address: USDA-ARS-MWA  
 275 S Russell St  
 West Lafayette, IN 47907

If you need more information about this position, you may contact Mr. Livingston at (765) 494-2946 or [stan.livingston@ars.usda.gov](mailto:stan.livingston@ars.usda.gov)

#### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

Federal Employees must be at least 16 years of age.

Only US citizens or citizens of countries with a NAFTA agreement with the US will be considered.

OF-306 Declaration for Federal Employment must be completed before a job offer can be made and resigned and dated once appointed to the position to determine applicants suitability. Appointees must be found to be reliable, of good character, loyal to the United States, and mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the position to which appointed without danger to themselves, fellow employees, or the public.

Males born after December 31, 1959, must certify that they have registered with the Selective Service System, or are exempt from having to do so under the Selective Service Law.

A Statement of Understanding indicating that students know they are temporary and will not be receiving paid benefits or any assurance of continued employment will be need to be signed.

**VETERANS' PREFERENCE:** If applicants served on active duty in the United States military and were separated under honorable conditions, they may be eligible for veterans' preference. To claim 5-point veterans' preference, you must attach a copy of your DD-214, Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty, or other proof of eligibility. To claim 10-point veterans' preference, attach an SF-15, Application for 10-point Veterans Preference, plus the documentation required by that form. For further details, call the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) at 912 757-3000. Select "Federal Employment Topics" and then "Veterans." Or, dial OPM's electronic bulletin board at 912 757 3100 or visit the Office of Personnel website at [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov) .

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Internet Address: [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)